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SUBJECT: GKR PAYWAR OPERATIONS

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1. PER YOUR REFTTEL REQUEST, COUNTRY- TEAM RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING GKR PAYWAR OPERATIONS RESTS WITH POL/ MIL SECTION. POL/ MIL COUNSELOR PAUL GARDNER PERIODICALLY HOLDS MEETINGS WITH GKR ON PSYWAR OPERATIONS WITH REPS OF FANK POLWAR DIRECTORATE AND MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES FROM MEDTC AND PAO ALSO ATTEND. EMBASSY ACTION OFFICER FOR PSYWAR OPERATIONS IS LTC RALPH BROMAN, POL/ MIL SECTION. LTC BROMAN MAINTAINS ALMOST DAILY LIAISON WITH FANK POLWAR DIRECTORATE.

2. BIO DATA ON COLONEL PELL NAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL WARFARE FOLLOWS:

A. BORN ON 11 JULY 1930 AT VILLAGE OF STAUNG, PROVINCE OF KOMPONG THOM, OF PEASANT PARENTS.

B. COMPLETED PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KOMPONG THOM AND SECONDARY SCHOOL AT LYCEE IN KOMPONG CHAM, WHERE HE RECEIVED
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A DIPLOMA SUPERIEUR D' ETUDES FRANCAISES MODERNES. HE ALSO HOLDS A DIPLOMA FROM THE ALLIANCE FRANCAISE IN PHNOM PENH FOR TEACHING FRENCH.

: ENTERED KHMER ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY (7 TH PROMOTION) 23 JULY 1951, GRADUATING AS A SUB- LIEUTENANT ON 1 MAR 53.

D. INTEGRATED INTO THE SPECIALIST CADRE (ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS) ON 1 JULY 1954. STUDIED IN FRANCE AT THE SCHOOL FOR HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FROM 1 OCTOBER 1954 TO 3 SEPTEMBER 1956.

E. PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT 1 JANUARY 1955. PROMOTED TO CPT 1 JANUARY 1958. PROMOTED TO MAJOR IN MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS (CORPS DE' ADMINISTRATION DE SANTE) 1 JULY 1963.

F. RETURNED TO FRANCE 1 NOVEMBER 1964 FOR FURTHER STUDIES IN MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, RETURNING ON 4 APRIL 1966, AT WHICH TIME NAMED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES OF FARK.

G. GRADUATED FROM GENERAL STAFF COURSE OF ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY ON 28 JULY 1969 (15 TH PROMOTION).

H. PROMOTED TO LT. COLONEL ON 1 JANUARY 1970.

I. NAMED CHIEF OF STAFF OF 4 TH MR ON 1 JULY 1970.
J. NAMED CHIEF OF STAFF OF 2 D MR ON 1 AUGUST 1970.

K. NAMED SPECIAL CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE CHIEF OF STATE 13 SEPTEMBER 1971 WITH PREROGATIVES EQUAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE (PERSONAL COUNSELOR TO LON NOL).

L. PROMOTED TO COLONEL 1 JANUARY 1972.

M. NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL WARFARE, FANK 1 NOVEMBER 1972.

3. RO COMMENT: COL. PELL NAL IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. HE UNDERSTANDS AND SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH. HE
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IS TALL FOR A KHMER, BEING APPROXIMATELY 5 FT. 10 INS, AND HAS A DISTINGUISHED AIR. HE IS VERY CLOSE TO PRESIDENT LON NOL AND STILL RECEIVES SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS DIRECTLY FROM HIM. FROM ALL OUTWARD APPEARANCES, HE IS A DEVOTE BUDDHIST AND FAMILY MAN. HE IS NOT INNOVATIVE OR OUTWARDLY AMBITIOUS, BUT IS AN EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATOR OF UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY TO THE PRESIDENT, AND IS

BELIEVED TO BE CLOSE TO GENERAL STAFF CHIEF SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ. HE IS WELL ATTUNED TO SHIFTING POLITICAL WINDS AND CAN BE COUNTED ON FOR DIPLOMATIC FINESSE. HOWEVER, CHINESE (GRC) POLWAR ADVISORS HAVE CONFIDED TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT THEY ARE DISSATISFIED WITH PELL NAL' S SLOW PACE IN ORGANIZING THE POLWAR STRUCTURE.

4. ON 30 APRIL, PRESIDENT LON NOL APPROVED THE NEW POLWAR ORGANIZATION BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE. AN AIRGRAM WILL FOLLOW ON THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PERSONALITIES INVOLVED.

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